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## CALTRANS MAINTENANCE CREWS ESTABLISH MEMORIAL GARDEN

**REDDING** – Maintenance Crews with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 2 have developed a Memorial Plaque and Garden at the Redding Region Office located at 1450 George Drive. A dedication ceremony will be held on April 2, 2008 beginning at 10 a.m.

Maintenance Crews wanted to honor their fellow fallen state workers every day, not just once a year. In July of 2006 crews from Landscape, Electrical and Bridge/Sign began installation of a flagpole at the George Drive location. Construction on a permanent concrete memorial began in November of last year and was completed this spring with the final installation of landscape elements.

"From the beginning this project was a joint effort," said Redding Landscape Supervisor John Hughes. "The local maintenance crews contributed with equipment and key materials, donating their own time and equipment. I observed the crews dedication and pride grow as the creation of this memorial unfolded," added Hughes.

District Director Brian Crane and Deputy District Director Ed Lamkin will join the local maintenance crews in dedication of this memorial. Employees involved in the construction of the memorial include: John Hughes, Frank Neves, Buster Klein, Robert Ybright, Trena Wright, Katrina Taylor, Carl Vonduering, Diana Pingel, Tim Fleck, Gary Anderson, Steve Starrs, Kerri Beaupre, Steve Chandler, Bob Cobbler and Evan Stanley.

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